WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. A method for treating lung cancer in a patient consisting essentially of administering to said patient a therapeutically effective amount of insulin-like growth factor binding protein-3 (IGFBP-3).
- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein said therapeutically effective amount of IGFBP-3 is administered parenterally.
- 3. The method of claim 2, wherein said therapeutically effective amount of IGFBP-3 is administered via subcutaneous injection.
- 4. The method of claim 2, wherein said therapeutically effective amount of IGFBP-3 is administered intravenously.
- 5. The method of claim 2, wherein said therapeutically effective amount of IGFBP-3 is administered via intravenous infusion.
- 6. The method of claim 1, wherein said therapeutically effective amount of IGFBP-3 is about 0.1 mg/kg to 40 mg/kg of body weight.
- 7. The method of claim 1, wherein said therapeutically effective amount of IGFBP-3 is about 0.25 mg/kg to 5 mg/kg of body weight.
 - 8. The method of claim 1, wherein said IGFBP-3 is nonglycosylated.
- 9. The method of claim 1, wherein a cytotoxic and/or chemotherapeutic agent is not co-administered with IGFBP-3.